

## Social and Personal

The Richmond German Club gave its first dance this season in the Masonic Temple last night.

The club, which is one of the most exclusive social organizations in the city, has always had a fine reputation for the elegance of its entertainments.

That reputation was thoroughly maintained last evening. The pretty decorations, the handsome gowns of the women, the merry swing of the music, the appearance of dainty buds in diaphanous white, all contributed to make brilliant the throng which followed Colonel Lane Stern through the figures, which he led in a formal opening of the season's gay whirl.

A delightful supper was furnished by Moeck as the crowning finish of the evening.

The chaperones for this season are: Mr. and Mrs. Levin Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bolling, Jr., Mrs. James Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Eppa Hinton, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. E. T. D. Myers, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Allen Potts, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Willis and Mrs. Thomas H. Leary.

### Weddings of the Day.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Hays, of No. 336 West Grace Street, will be the scene of a beautiful wedding at 7 o'clock this evening, when their daughter, Miss Louise, becomes the bride of Mr. Wilfred L. Goodwyn.

The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, of Grace Street Presbyterian Church, assisted by the Rev. John V. Downman, of All-Saints' Episcopal Church, and the Rev. C. H. Kuyk, of Barton Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robinson Pollard have recalled the invitations issued for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Martha Pollard, and, owing to the illness of the groom-elect, Mr. John Gibson, Jr., the ceremony will be performed quietly this evening in the home of Mr. Pollard, only the families of the contracting parties being present.

At 4:30 o'clock this afternoon the Old Dominion Chapter, D. A. R., will give an informal tea in the home of the Chapter president, Miss Lucy Chairo Atkinson, of No. 314 East Grace Street.

Invitations for the tea contain the pleasant announcement of a lecture by the Rev. Dr. Robert Strang as a feature of the afternoon.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot of Sunday had the following paragraph in its society column:

An engagement of interest to many friends here, is that of Miss Grace Shields, of Richmond, to Mr. T. H. Russell, of New York. The wedding will take place in April. Miss Shields has been a frequent visitor at Virginia Beach, where she is always, as at home and greatly admired. Mr. Russell is a member of several exclusive clubs in New York and an insurance man. He is brother to Miss Annie Russell, the dainty and popular actress.

Mr. Polk Miller has accepted an invitation from Mrs. Chiles M. Ferrall, the chairman of Virginia Day-January 19th at the Woman's Club, to be present on that occasion, and add to every one's enjoyment in his own inimitable and entertaining fashion.

Cards have been received in Richmond for the marriage of Miss Anna Edith Hammond to Mr. Thomas Scott Winston, the ceremony to take place at 6 P. M., December 22d, in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Robinson Hammond, of Bolivar, Pa. Mr. Winston, who is a contractor, and was at one time in Richmond for more than a year, has many friends here. He is the son of Colonel William Winston, of Louisiana county, and the grandson of Colonel William Overton Payne, of "Hickory Hill," Gloucester county, an old Virginia home known far and wide for its expanded and open-hearted hospitality. Miss Hammond is said to be a young lady of many attractions, and accomplishments.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Steiner announce the engagement of their daughter, Yetta, to Mr. A. Sinsheimer, of New York city.

The first german of the Richmond Assembly will be given in the Masonic Temple next Monday evening. The last chaperones and the number of bright young people belonging to this club render it extremely popular. The first dance will doubtless be one of the largest of the week.

### Personal Mention.

The Princess Troubeskoy, who is spending the winter with her husband in New York city, is busily engaged on a new book soon to be published. It is said she has two other novels on the way.

Mrs. Richard Evelyn Byrd made a decided hit at a party recently given by the Winchester Dramatic Club. The play was "The Unreasonable Mrs. West." Mrs. Byrd, who is the sister of Hon. H. D. Flood, has many friends here, played the part of Mrs. West.

Miss Constance Evans was a guest last Wednesday at a card party given in Norfolk by Mr. and Mrs. Richard McIlwaine. Miss Evans has since returned to Richmond.

The following complimentary mention of a fair young visitor to Richmond was taken from the Pilot of Sunday: Miss Fannie Royster left Wednesday for Richmond, where she was the guest of Miss Parkinson, and assisted at the brilliant reception given by Mr. and Mrs. James T. Parkinson on Thursday to introduce their daughter, Miss Marion Elise Parkinson, one of the most attractive debutantes of the season.

Mrs. Paul R. McFadyen and little son, Paul, will be the Christmas guests of Mrs. McFadyen's mother, Mrs. N. M. Shert, of No. 614 East Grace Street.

Miss Mary Ball is the guest of Miss Nina Johns, of Bute Street, Norfolk. Miss Ball attended the Senior German Club dance last week, which was given

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In the Masonic Temple, of Norfolk, and was a very smart affair, indeed.

Mrs. Henry Venable, who has been visiting friends in Richmond, has returned to Norfolk.

Miss Lucy Mason, who has been visiting friends in Richmond, is now in Petersburg, will return to Richmond for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Clarence L. Chase, of Nashville, Tenn., is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. James B. Blam, of No. 206 West Main Street.

On Friday, December 18th, at 8 o'clock, in the lecture room of Christ Church, a "silver tea" will be given by the vestment department of the Chancel Guild to raise money for vestments. A silver offering will be received at the door.

Every member of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church is urged to

## Facts About Colombia

The people of Colombia are a mixture of races. At the time of the Spanish conquest the population of Colombia was estimated at eight million. Wholesale butcheries and enslavement in the mines reduced the number in a few generations to less than a million. Most of the natives were too feeble to resist, but "some retailed and in the Antioquia district poisoned the salt springs so effectively that they remain poisoned to this day." The present Colombian nationality is a fusion in varying proportions of the aborigines with the whites from various parts of Spain, including a considerable number of baptized Jews.

This Hebrew element is quite noticeable, especially in the province of Antioquia, which is the wealthiest and most prosperous of the departments of Colombia. There is also a considerable African element in the population.

Colombia, exclusive of Panama, is as large as the two States of California and Texas combined. Three high mountain ranges cross the republic from north to south, making high table-lands between, and the day the year round are scarcely hotter than those of a temperate zone. On the Bogota table-land the glass oscillates between 50 degrees and 75 degrees Fahr., while the annual rainfall rarely exceeds 45 inches. In the lowlands, of course the tropical sun beats down with an intensity that makes those sections uninhabitable by the white man.

Colombia has more than ten times the population of Panama. The last census was taken 32 years ago; but an official estimate made in 1881 gave her about 2,000,000, not including the people of Panama. Colombia has no army to speak of, no ships, no money, only a few miles of railway, and hence no means of sending a good force against Panama.

Bogota, the capital, is called the Athens of South America, and has a population of 125,000. The national university is located in the city and there is a valuable library of 50,000 volumes, and observatory, a picture gallery, and several learned institutions.

An intending visitor to Bogota is landed at Barranquilla, at the mouth of the Magdalena River; thence he proceeds by steamer up the river for 692 1/2 miles to Honda, then by rail 22 miles to La Dorada, and thence by rail 24 miles, when he finally reaches the Colombian capital. It takes 12 days to get from the coast to the capital.

Colombia has great wealth lying un-



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attend a celebration of the Lord's Supper to be held next Sunday, December 26th, at the church on Seventh, between Broad and Grace Streets.

The annual meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association held at Rauscher's, in Washington, D. C., yesterday was attended by Mrs. Decatur Axtell, the chairman of the Richmond committee of the association, and Mrs. Charles Washington Coleman, of Williamsburg, Va.

The old board was re-elected, and the co-operation of the association with the Columbian University met with favorable consideration.

"Nothing further can be altogether decided until plans are more fully developed."

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frazier will entertain Thursday from 5 to 7 in honor of their daughter, Miss Gladys Frazier, a debutante of this season.

She touched on her plains and in her forests and mountains.—National Geographic Magazine.

### A Card From Miss Whittle.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir,—A reputation for inaccuracy is so easily acquired, so difficult to get rid of and so destructive to the value and interest of all that emanates from its possessor that I was startled by "Senex's" statement in your Sunday issue, that my account of Richmond homes "required some corrections" and not a little relieved to discover that it was based upon the single and comparatively unimportant question as to whether Miss Randolph was the daughter or granddaughter of Mrs. Brockenbough.

Before writing the account referred to I took great pains to inform myself and the statement at issue was copied verbatim from a letter (now in my possession) written by one who kindly assisted me, and whose reliability and knowledge of the situation are alike incontrovertible.

In regard to the "omissions" alluded to, "Senex" is doubtless unaware that through a syndicate of thirty newspapers, scattered from Massachusetts to Texas and reaching as far West as California, I address a prominent audience, necessitating the suppression of much that would be of great local interest.

"Thanking him for supplying my deficiencies, I am

Very respectfully,

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### Electrical Matters.

The Committee on Electricity held a regular meeting last night, and disposed of the regular monthly pay rolls and other routine business.

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## BLOW FROM DARK MAY PROVE FATAL

Young Physician Struck on the Head by Unknown Man, Who Made His Escape.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDRICKSBURG, VA., December 14.—Dr. Lloyd Norland, a young physician of Port Royal, Caroline county, was a victim of an attack a few nights ago which might have resulted fatally. He was called to the door of his office, as he opened it he was struck on the head with his hand, causing him to fall headlong into the street. The person who struck him disappeared.

Dr. Norland was called twice, which attracted the attention of the people in the hotel, and by the time they arrived he was unconscious. Dr. Norland some time ago had a difficulty with a negro named Dabney. Suspicion pointed to Dabney and two of his brothers. There was, however, no direct evidence. Glendon gave the negroes notice that they must leave the county in twenty-four hours, and the authorities are now on the lookout for them. The negroes have disappeared.

Two physicians worked on Dr. Norland for some time before he was taken to the hospital, and his condition is still critical.

Mr. W. H. Hunkamp, post master of Lodge No. 4 of Masons of this city, left to-day for Mount Vernon to place on the tomb of George Washington a wreath in honor of the late president. It is an annual custom to commemorate the anniversary of Washington's death. A member of Alexandria, Va., Lodge No. 224 joined him in Alexandria. The tomb was opened at 12 o'clock and the wreath of evergreens deposited on it.

Benjamin Rawlings, of Orange county, one of the mail clerks who was injured in the wreck on the Southern Railroad at Springfield, Va., July 28th last, has entered suit against the railroad for \$30,000 damages for injuries received in the collision.

Twenty-two of the twenty-five candidates in the recent election in Orange county, in their statement of expenses, say they spent nothing.

Mr. T. W. Berrey, of Stafford county, who accidentally shot himself while hunting Saturday, is improving.

Miss Mary Gordon Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wallace, of this city, will be married on Wednesday, December 30th, at the home of her parents, to Lieutenant Robert S. Knox, son of Treasurer George S. Knox, of this city, now of the United States army.

Dr. Claude L. Smith, of Saluda, Middlesex county, and Miss Olive Somers, of Calverton, Md., will be married at Christ Church, in that county, on Thursday, December 11th.

## ANOTHER VICTORY.

Attorney-General Wins Second Suit in Supreme Court.

Attorney General Anderson has received notice from the clerk of the United States Supreme Court of Appeals, announcing that an opinion had been handed down, sustaining the Circuit Court for the Western District of Virginia, in refusing an injunction asked for by The Douglas Company, vs. the treasurer of Smyth county, Virginia, involving the collection of taxes upon certain real estate of the Douglas Company, in Smyth county. The decision of the appellate tribunal sustains and affirms the decree of the late Judge John Paul, and imposing the costs therein incurred upon the appellant, the Douglas Company.

This was a suit in equity, instituted by the Douglas Company, asking the United States Circuit Court for the Western District of Virginia to enjoin and restrain the treasurer of Smyth county, Virginia, from selling standing timber on the lands of the company, and to set aside a sale of such timber, due upon the Douglas Company.

The appellant, this case was represented by Attorney Daniel Trigg, of Abingdon, and their contention was that the timber should not be sold, because the taxes were not assessed against the real owner of the land when such taxes were assessed, and that the company did not have notice that such taxes were due. The court sustained the State's contention that the taxes were assessed against the land, and the successor in the ownership of the land had to pay. The amount of such taxes is two or three thousand dollars.

This is another distinct victory for the attorney general in the highest court of the land, and the second such victory at this term of the court.

## Methodist Schools.

The regular meeting of the Methodist Sunday School Society was held Sunday at Laurel Street Church, H. C. Osterbind, president, and W. H. Smith, secretary.

The following programme, beautifully rendered, was greatly enjoyed by the large congregation present:

Prayer by Rev. D. B. Betty.

Recitation, "A Free Seat," by Myrtle Major.

Quat, "Christ, the Good Shepherd," by Evelyn Jane and Ruth Hungerford.

Trio, "Jesus Once Was a Little Boy," by three little girls.

Recitation, "Our Neighbors' Call," by Winnie Stark.

Solo, "My Mother's Prayer," by Wanda Yarbrough.

Song, "Give the Boys a Chance," by the boys.

Recitation, "What I'd Like To Be," by eight girls.

Solo by Blanche Fields.

Solo, "If I Were Sunbeam," by Mabel Smith.

Address by Rev. T. McN. Simpson on "The Growing Importance of the Sunday School."

Benediction by Rev. George H. Wiley.

The schools reported as follows: P. C. C. I.

Fairmount Avenue.....320 206 56 \$23.45

Denny Street.....150 100 25 \$12.50

Laurel Street.....351 216 56 \$24.47

Clay Street.....371 237 61 \$14.00

Trinity.....310 184 61 \$23.39

Brooklyn.....260 207 67 \$11.16

Centenary.....236 226 70 \$23.31

St. James.....250 130 67 \$20.35

13th St. France.....120 67 \$16.41

Asbury.....191 120 63 \$14.50

Edworth.....148 81 \$5.84

Richland Park.....127 84 \$6.57

Methodist Mission.....123 91 71 2.63

Cerinth.....53 41 77 2.79

To new members, 8 converts.

The next meeting will be held at Trinity second Sunday in January.

The meeting of Broad Street Church on the fourth Sunday of this month, for election of officers.

## Chimney on Fire.

An alarm of fire, turned in from Box 334, at Beech and Grove Avenue shortly after 4 o'clock, yesterday afternoon, was caused by a chimney fire at No. 107 West Avenue. There was no damage.

## OF HUMAN INTEREST; STORIES OF THE DAY

### A Pacing Rooster.

One would hardly suppose that a fowl could be trained to drive. The steed in this case is a Plymouth Rock rooster, which was raised by James B. Varne, of Washington, N. J.

About a year ago Master George Rogers, the then owner, put the rooster on ostriches of Southern California, and decided at once that all he needed to make himself the supreme boy in the world was an ostrich trained to drive. Instead he trained a chicken.

The rooster stands 15 inches high, weighs 13 pounds, is very tame and obedient, and has a name, Edward K. Little Jim.

Master George found some little Jim in getting the rooster tame enough to drive, but with infinite patience and with the assistance of his father he at last succeeded, and for some months has been driving Edward K. Little Jim to the light road wagon shown in the accompanying picture.

The rooster is very obedient and starts and stops at the word of command, and will drive a horse or dog—New York Herald.

## Illinois Tame Eagle.

Havana, Mexico county, has one of the greatest curiosities in America. It is not in the world, but in Damarin county, Iowa, has a pet golden eagle, one that stays in the courthouse park, and about being taken to the city they go to go when called, no matter how far.

Mr. Damarin feeds his pet twice a day.

He can go up to him and stroke him, just as he would a cat or dog.

A son of J. Wiley Smith, who lives about eight miles southwest of Mason City, near the Sangamon bottom, shot and crippled him last fall and took him home and kept him until spring, when his son Ray, brought him to Havana and put him in a squirrel cage.

But, as that was too small and he could not learn to fly, as one of his wings had been shot, Smith had the business men and county officers give enough to build a cage about 12 feet square, and he was kept in that about six weeks.

Mr. Damarin fed and tamed him. He had a stump of a tree put in the large cage, and the eagle stays on that tree all the time when not flying or walking in the park.

As the cage was still not large enough to let him fly, they took the cage away to give him his liberty. But they don't want to leave. He eats fresh beef, kidneys or liver or live rabbits.—Bloomington (Ill.) Pantagraph.

The Good Boy's Game.

"I am always glad to have you play with Johnny Dujohn. He is a good little boy, to give him the jungle, etc?"

A lion stood upon his head, and an elephant he climbed a tree.

The hippo tooted on a horn, the zebra clashed the cymbals, and a royal Bengal tiger was the leader of the circus band.



A LITTLE CURLY-HEADED BOY.

A bear tossed up some coconuts, a dozen more or so, and the air was fairly filled with them; Enough to make your pulses thrill.

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